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2010 VALUE OF ALL CROPS DOWN SLIGHTLY

The value of all crops produced in Wyoming in 2010 is estimated at \$371.3 million, according to Kim Faircloth with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. The total value is down 5 percent from 2009 and down 9 percent from 2008. Market year average prices were higher for corn for grain and winter wheat but lower for all other crops. Value of production increased from 2009 for corn for grain, dry beans, sugarbeets, and winter wheat and decreased for hay, oats, and barley.

The leading crop in value continues to be hay. The 2010 **all hay** production is valued at \$216.0 million, down 13 percent from 2009. Hay prices averaged \$88.50 a ton, down \$9.50 from the 2009 crop. **All hay** accounted for 58 percent of the total crop value. **Sugarbeets** followed hay in value with sugarbeets estimated at \$44.3 million, based on 2010 production and 2009 prices pending calculation of 2010 prices.

Other significant crops, their 2010 value, and the change in value from 2009 are: **barley** \$24.3 million, down 36 percent with a decrease in price and value of production; **winter wheat** \$24.6 million, up 10 percent with an increase in price and value of production; **corn for grain** \$30.3 million, up 18 percent with an increase in price and value of production; **dry beans** \$30.4 million, up 48 percent due to an increase in value of production which offset a decrease in price.

These estimates do not include any payments from government programs. Preliminary market year average prices except for sugarbeets are based on monthly prices through December 2010 with allowance for projected prices the remainder of the marketing year.